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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Art Unit: 3683

**LOAD CARRYING AXIAL POSITIONERS
WITH OVERLOAD ENERGY ABSORPTION**

Examiner: Thomas Williams

Application No. 10/775,452

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Docket: GP-303904

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.